



## The Constitution.

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The election for president and congressmen in this state is on Tuesday, the 2d day of November.

ENGLAND is never free of trouble. Just now there is the Irish trouble, the new Afghan outbreak, and the war with the Bantus. She generally has about three such difficulties on hand, and they do not seem to interfere with her happiness, they become so costly as to sensibly increase the heavy burden of taxation.

GENERAL HANCOCK's speeches that are reported elsewhere should command him to the people of the northern states, "they are almost a platform; and if the men for whom they were intended would apply to public matters one-half of the sagacity they employ in business, they would to a man vote for Hancock, honest government, a restored union and a normal political condition.

The republicans have at a late hour discovered that another state has cut loose and is about to give the Hancock electors a majority. This state is Colorado—a state that has of late been exhibited by a strong stream of immigration from Missouri. The alarm of the republicans comes too late to let the peculiar tactics of the party become operative. Put Colorado down in the Hancock list.

The counsel for the defense have at last a chance in the Philip case to introduce witnesses. Before the case is finished they propose to prove that Morey did exist, that he did receive the famous letter, and that it is unmistakably genuine. As long, however, as Garfield's record in congress upholds the letter, we do not see that it makes much difference to any one except Mr. Philip whether the letter is genuine or not.

The democrats have four very good grounds for hope:

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This list leaves out of account Colorado, California, and Oregon, in each of which the democrats are hopeful and workful.

The democrats are freely claiming a popular majority of 400,000 for Hancock, and if every democrat does his duty such a majority will assuredly be rolled up. But if thousands of democrats in states like Georgia stay away from the polls such a claim will not be realized. Every citizen should vote next Tuesday. In several of the congressional districts of the state every vote will actually be needed to secure the election of the democratic candidate. No citizen should neglect to vote.

## The Latest Tragedy.

The full particulars of the recent horrible murder near Jonesboro, have been given in our column. The crime is fully as atrocious as the assassination of a negro who occurred recently in Clayton county, and the authorities have the same motive for bringing the offender to justice. At the instance of one of his own color a negro was arrested and is now in jail. His trial should be prompt. The circumstances are such as to justify Judge Hillier in calling a special term of the court in order that the ends of justice may be promptly secured. All good citizens, especially the good citizens of Clayton county, are interested in putting the offenders to justice.

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It will not do for democrats to decide themselves with the idea that Clark and the other republicans candidates for congress in Georgia will not be supported by their party. They will receive the full vote of the republicans and any sympathy of the partisans may prove disastrous.

Philip is now a bigger man than Ab Jim. If the republican reformers who have dropped into the stalwart ranks think they are going to escape Grantism in 1884 by means of the solid south, it may be well to serve notice now that they are laboring to do a very violent mistake. We trust our esteemed contemporary, the Springfield Republican, will paste this in a pigeon-hole for reference.

Once more: Let Mrs. Agony Jenks be called.

At this dark period in Ab Jim's career, it is well that there is a man named Philip. If we are not mistaken, Brother Beecher has already filed an affidavit to the effect that he is on the side of the republicans.

GENERAL GARFIELD would make a fine witness in the case of Colonel Chittenden and the communists against Philip.

Legislatures are also to be chosen in California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin. In all, each of which will elect an United States senator. The whole interest in this respect will be centered in the elections of California, Connecticut, Florida, Nevada, New Jersey, New York and Tennessee, each of which is stoutly contested.

State officers, all or a part, are to be chosen in Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas; and constitutional amendments, or questions of calling conventions for revising the state constitution, are to be voted on in Florida, Georgia, and Indiana.

What have United States marshals got to do with Garfield's Chinese letter, and why should these officials be capering around the newspaper which first printed the same?

Mr. JOHN FOORD, of the New York Times, is strangely silent with respect to the changes that ought to be made in the Georgia convict system. The legislature is about to meet, and if Mr. Foord is the reformer we take him to be, he will lose in time in preparing a diagram for our instruction and use. We call upon Mr. Foord because we have reason to believe that the Hon. G. Jones is joined with Marshall Jewell in the atay way, and would not like to be disturbed by a red handed rebel.

GENERAL GARFIELD's memory seems to be worse than his politics—and this is a warning to the very door of the penthouse.

MARK TWAIN has carried his "humor" into politics. Mr. Clements is gradually fulfilling our predictions. We have frequently mentioned that he would either go in politics as a republican or go to jail.

If Philip got Garfield's letter of acceptance, he ought to be charged. But, in a matter of this kind, Phil might be given the benefit of the doubt.

Taxis will be at room at the polls next Tuesday for Jacksonian as well as Jeffersonian democrats.

The Bee at the Altar.

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